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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU'S FOREIGN TRAVEL: OCTOBER

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1. AS OF MOMENT, CEAUSESCU'S OCTOBER FOREIGN TRAVEL SCHEDULE
LOOKS AS FOLLOWS:

- CANADA, OCTOBER 8-11 (CANCELLED);
- YUGOSLAVIA, AROUND OCTOBER 13-15 (FIRM);
- PORTUGAL, END OF OCTOBER (PROBABLE).

2. CANADIAN SECOND SECRETARY JOBIN FROM BELGRADE INFORMED EMB
THAT CEAUSESCU HAS CALLED OFF CANADA TRIP. ROMANIAN AMB
IN OTTAWA TOLD GOC SEPT 23 THAT SINCE NO ATOMIC ENERGY
AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED DURING VISIT, CEAUSESCU FOUND
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"NOT ENOUGH SUBSTANCE" TO JUSTIFY COMING. GOC ASSUMES

DECISION TO CANCEL WAS TAKEN BY GOR BETWEEN SEPT 19 AND 22, BECAUSE IN JOBIN'S TALK WITH ROMANIAN MFA DESK OFFICER ON FORMER DATE, VISIT WAS STILL GO. ROMANIANS NOW ENVISAGE VISIT "NEXT SPRING". ROMANIANS HAD BEEN SLOW IN TABLING DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, SEEMED LAGGARD IN OTHER PREPARATIONS, AND HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN ON REQUEST FOR JOINT SOLEMN DECLARATION. GOC, ACCORDING TO JOBIN, TENDS TO ACCEPT REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT AT FACE VALUE, ALTHOUGH JOBIN'S ROMANIAN CONTACTS IN BELGRADE PRIVATELY PUZZLED AT UNUSUAL CANCELLATION. MFA AMERICAS DESK OFFICER TOLD DCM MINISTRY TAKING PUBLIC POSITION VISIT NOT "CANCELLED" BECAUSE IT NEVER PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. HE DECLINED OFFER TO SPECULATE ON REASONS FOR NON-CANCELLATION OF NON-VISIT.

3. YUGOSLAV DCM WAS TOLD BY MFA SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT VISIT TO PORTUGAL IS "NEARLY SET", WHICH SOUNDS A BIT FIRMER THAN PREVIOUS SOUNDINGS, ALTHOUGH TIMING STILL UNCLEAR.

4. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, YUGOSLAV DCM'S SLANT ON ROMANIA'S NON-ALIGNED ASPIRATIONS SEPT 26 (REFTEL) WAS THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS NOT ABOUT TO GET ITSELF INTO SPOT OF BEING THE GOR'S "PATRON". HE CONVEYED GOY ATTITUDE TO BENIGN (EVEN ACTIVELY SYMPATHETIC) CONCERN, BUT IN SENSE THAT GOR WOULD HAVE TO DO MUCH OF THE PUSHING ITSELF TO MOVE FROM N.A. "GUEST" TO "OBSERVER" STATUS NEXT YEAR; HE SEEMED TO DRAW PARSIMONIOUS LIMITS ON HOW FAR YUGOSLAVIA STRAINED TO THIS END AT LIMA.

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